

[tightening a retainer onto the motor shaft;] and
installing a second end of the shaft extension into a lower assembly.

11. (Once Amended) The method of claim 10, wherein the [shaft extension comprises a hexagonal circumferential geometry] first surface geometry is hexagonal in shape.

12. (Once Amended) The method of claim 10, wherein the [shaft extension comprises a square circumferential geometry] first surface geometry is square in shape.

13. (Once Amended) The method of claim [10] 18, wherein said retainer comprises a hexagonal threaded nut.

16. (Once Amended) The method of claim 18, wherein the bearing [assembly] comprises a powdered metal bearing.

17. (Once Amended) The method of claim 15, wherein the bearing [assembly] comprises a roller ball bearing.

Please add claims 18-28 as follows:

--18. The method of claim 10, further comprising a step of tightening a retainer onto the motor shaft.

19. A motor assembly, comprising:
a shaft extension having first and second ends, wherein the first end has a first surface geometry;

a motor having a motor shaft including a second surface geometry adapted to mate with the first surface geometry of the first end of the shaft extension so that the shaft extension rotates with the motor shaft; and

a lower assembly into which the second end of the shaft extension is installed.